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PERILS of NYOKA

CHAPTER I
DOOM IN THE DESERT



**A TALE OF
TERROR
AND TURMOIL
OF BATTLE ON
THE BRUINING
LANDS FOR
THE GREATEST
PRIZE
SCIENCE EVER
BOUGHT!**

COME WITH US
TO THE DESERTS
OF THE EAST
WHERE ARAB
RAIDERS RIDE
WHERE GOLDEN
TABLETS ARE
HIDDEN—AND
WHERE
DWELLS
NYOKA!

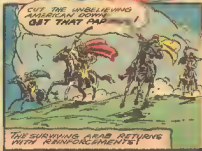
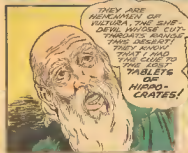
LARRY GRAYSON, BRILLIANT
SCIENTIST-ADVENTURER,
RIDES ACROSS THE DESERT
WHEN...

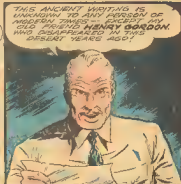
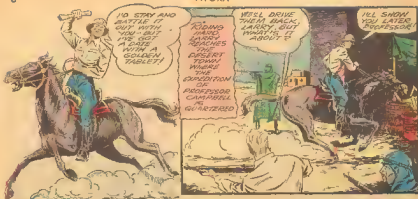


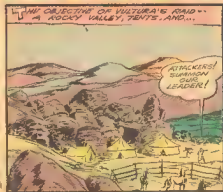
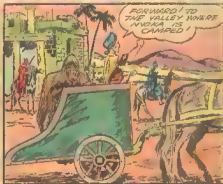
GET BACK,
YOU
STABBING
SWINE!

BY ALLAN! I'LL
KILL YOU, INFIDEL
OF A FIGHT!















THE SCENE SHIFTS TO VULTURA'S TEMPLE - FORTRESS, HOME OF NAMELESS EVILS!



IN A SHORT WHILE I'LL HAVE THE RAPIRUS THAT TELL WHERE TO FIND THE GOLDEN TABLETS OF NIPPO-GRATES! YOU, NYOKA, SHALL TRAVEL LATE!

NOT!!



THOSE TABLETS AND THEIR SECRET SHOULD BENEFIT HUMANITY.. NOT A RACK OF INHUMAN ROBBER'S AND KILLERS!

I'LL NOT ARGUE! TORTURE HER!



YOW! BISMALLAH! SHE FIGHTS LIKE A KEND!



THE TORTURE OF THE RACK BEGINS!

IT IS BETTER TO CONSENT, CAPTIVE!

I SCORN TO ANSWER.



MEANWHILE, LARRY ARRIVES WITH THE RAPIRUS!

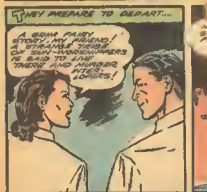




AT LAST
NYOKA AND
LARRY JOIN
HANDS
AND
FORCES!
THE
SCHOLARLY
DAUGHTER
OF THE
VANISHED
HENRY
GORDON
HEARS
THE
REASON
FOR THE
EXPEDITION
AND
AGREES
TO HELP!

I CAN DECIPHER
THIS ANCIENT
WRITING! IT
DIRECTS US
TO TURE'S
VALLEY!

I'VE HEARD
OF THAT
PLACE--- I
ALWAYS
THOUGHT
IT WAS A
FAIRY
STORY!





G-R-R-UGH!



THEY ENTER THE TUNNEL!

RED FIRE
AHEAD--A
GREAT LAVA
PIT!

HARK!
I HEAR
SOMETHING!



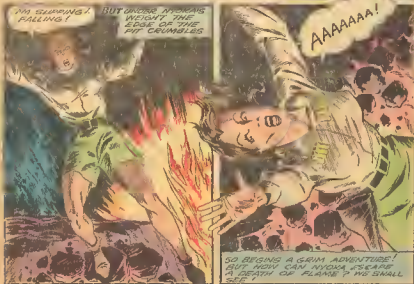
RUN,
NYOKA!
THEY'RE
AFTER
US!



I'M NOT RUN-
NING, LARRY!
I'LL HELP
YOU FIGHT!

I'M SLIPPING!
FALLING!

BUT UNDER NYOKA'S
WEIGHT THE
EDGE OF THE
PIT CRUMBLES



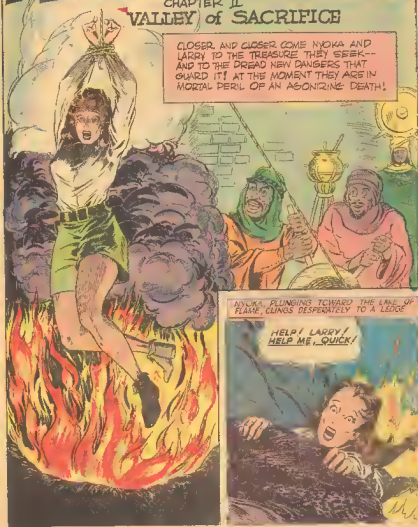
AAAAAAA!

SO BEGINS A GRIM ADVENTURE!
BUT HOW CAN NYOKA ESCAPE
A DEATH OF FLAME? WE SHALL
SEE!

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CHAPTER II VALLEY of SACRIFICE

CLOSER AND CLOSER COME NYOKA AND LARRY TO THE TREASURE THEY SEEK-- AND TO THE DREAD NEW DANGERS THAT GUARD IT! AT THE MOMENT THEY ARE IN MORTAL PERIL OF AN AGONIZING DEATH!



WHILE IN THE CAVERN ABOVE

NO YOU DON'T
MY FRIEND!

YA
NAZRANI!

WHEN LARRY DRAWS HIS GUN

FLEE! HIS
MARKSMANSHIP
IS UNERRING!

THEN, THE ENEMY DRIVEN
BACK, LARRY RACES TO THE
RESCUE OF HIS COMPANION

STEADY NYOKA/
GET A GRIP
OF THIS!

THANK
HEAVEN
YOU'VE
COME!

WE ESCAPED THAT
TIME... OUR LUCK
IS HOLDING UP!

OH! TO THINK
I NEARLY ENDED
UP DOWN THERE!

THE LIGHT OF DAY...
UP AHEAD!

WE'RE COMING
TO THE TUAREG
VALLEY!

AT VULTURA'S TEMPLE...

SO... YOU
HAVE BEEN
FOILED AGAIN... AND
THE INFIDELS HAVE
GONE TO THE TUAREG
VALLEY!

YES,
GRACIOUS ONE!
SHALL WE FOLLOW
AND ATTACK THAT
STRONGHOLD?

NO...
LOOK AT
THIS!

THE
MIGHTY
SUN
GODDESS...
IMAGE
THAT THE
TUAREGS
WORSHIP!

IF THE SUN GODDESS WERE TO APPEAR IN THAT VALLEY, WHO WOULD DENY HER CLAIM TO RULE?

YOU ARE WISE, GREAT LADY! I WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR OUR IMMEDIATE DEPARTURE!

IN THE TUAREG VALLEY...

A SENTINEL WARRIOR SIG-ALS THE MESSAGE THAT STRANGERS ARE ENTERING!



SEE! OUR GUARD GIVES WARNING OF INVADERS!

QUICK, TELL THE MASTER!



INSIDE THE CAVE, THE LABORATORY-DEN OF THE TUAREG CHIEF...

MASTER STRANGERS COME

THEY WILL TAKE AWAY OUR PEACE AND HAPPINESS! PREPARE TO DRIVE THEM AWAY!



THEY ARE FEW... AND LED BY A WOMAN! WE CAN EASILY OVERWHELM THEM!

LOOK, SHE SIGNALS FOR A TRUCE!



REACHING THE VALLEY BY A SHORT CUT, VULTURA BOLDLY MAKES HER CLAIM!

I AM YOUR SUN GODDESS, RETURNING TO HELP YOU IN YOUR HOUR OF NEED!



I HAD THOUGHT
THE SUN GODDESS
TO BE A LEGEND!

FAR FROM IT!
AND I BRING
NEWS OF A
SNEAKING EXPE-
DITION OF
INFIDELS!



THE GREAT GODDESS
SPEAKS TRUTH,
MASTER! A MAN
AND A WOMAN
APPROACH!

TRAP
THEM!



HELLO! WE
WANT TO BE
YOUR FRIENDS...



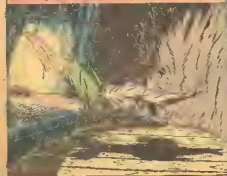
AT THAT
VERY
MOMENT,
NYOKA
PLUNGES
INTO A
HIDDEN
TRAP

SEIZE THE
MAN AS WELL!



OH!!

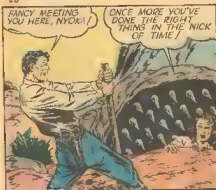
... AND SHE LANDS IN A STRANGE PIT !



THE FLOOR'S RISING...
WITH ME... TO BRING
ME AGAINST THOSE
SPIKES !!







BUT THE CHIEF OF THE TUAREGS... IS STILL TO BE RECKONED WITH!

THAT KNIFE / IF I CAN GET IT... I'LL BE FREE!



IT TAKES MORE THAN DE IT AND ROB TO CONQUER ME!



THESE CONTAINERS... FILLED WITH EXPLOSIVES OF MY OWN INVENTION



THROUGH A HIDDEN OPENING IN THE CAVE... THE SCIENTIST-CHIEFTAIN GAINS THE OPEN



I'LL SET A TRAP FOR WHOM SOEVER SEEKS THE HIDDEN TABLETS OF HIPPOCRATES!

IF ANYONE OPENS THE DOOR THIS CORD WILL PULL SET FIRE TO THE FUSE... AND BLAST THE THIEF TO KINGDOM COME!



MEANWHILE, VULTURA ENDS THE SAVAGE CEREMONY.

NOW! FIND THE ENEMY AND PUT IT TO DEATH!







ACCORDING TO THE
PAPYRUS, WE'RE
ALMOST THERE!



THE THIEVES
FROM OUTSIDE WILL
BE BLOWN TO
BITS!



IT'S HEAVY, BUT
I'LL GET IT
OPEN!



THE T. LETS
ARE IN IDE
HERE?

NO, ONLY AN
INSCRIPTION
WHICH WILL GIVE
US FURTHER
DIRECTIONS



BAM



THE TRAP HAS BEEN SPRUNG! THE
TUAREG CHIEFTAIN'S EXPLOSIVE MINE
HAS GONE OFF! WHO WILL BE LEFT
TO TELL THE TALE IN CHAPTER III?

PERILS of NYOKA

CHAPTER III VULTURA'S VENGEANCE

ONCE AGAIN THE
SCENE SHIFTS
BUT THE BATTLE
RAGES ON MORE
FIERCELY THAN
BEFORE -- A
FIGHT TO THE
DEATH!



THE
BOMB
TRAP
BLW'S
THE
MASSIVE
BRONZE
DOOR
FROM
ITS
HINGES
BUT
LARRY'S
STRENGTH
KEEPS
THE
MASS OF
METAL
FROM
CRUSHING
NYOKA!



THIS HEAVY DOOR
IS ALL THAT
SAVED US!

WHAT A
TREMENDOUS
BLAST!

BUT NOW THE WAY
IS CLEAR FOR US
TO GET TO THE
INSCRIPTION!



THE INSCRIPTION
SUPPOSED TO BE
ON THIS WALL—
DESTROYED BY
THE EXPLOSION!

THEN WE
MUST FIND
A NEW
CLUE!



WHILE ELSEWHERE IN THE
VALLEY....

YOU BRING ME MORE
BAD NEWS-- THE ESCAPE
OF THE THAROG CHIEF!

LADY
VULTURAI
I SAW THE
TWO INFIDELS
ENTERING THE
CAVE OF THE IN
SCRIPTION!



OVERTAKE THAT CHIEF
AGAIN--- BRING HIM TO
MY TEMPLE! LIKEWISE
THE GIRL NYOKA AND
HER CURSED PROTECTOR!



BEFORE THE CHIEFTAIN GOES
FAR, HE IS OVERTAKEN AND
SURROUNDED!

OUR MISTRESS
WANTS YOU
MY FRIEND!

THIS NEW INSULT
PROVES SHE IS
NO SUN GODDESS!



THAT CAPTIVE!
HE'S-- HE'S--

YOU
KNOW
HIM
NYOKA?



OF COURSE
I KNOW HIM!
IT'S-- MY--
FATHER
HENRY
GORDON!

WE'LL FOLLOW!
AND WE'LL
RESCUE
HIM-- I
SWEAR WE
WILL!



NEXT MORNING

GRACIOUS ONE! NYOKA AND LARRY GRAYSON ARE FOLLOWING!

I HAVE PLANNED A TRAP FOR ANY WHO SHOULD FOLLOW US. SATAN, TEAR DOWN THOSE ROCKS!



SATAN OBEYS! RIPPING AWAY CHUNKS OF ROCK, HE BLOCKS THE PASS FROM THE VALLEY AND REVEALS ANOTHER OPENING!



THEIR TRACKS LEAD THIS WAY!

HERE'S THE WAY THROUGH THE ROCKS...WE'LL PASS THROUGH THERE!



EAGER TO RESCUE HER FATHER NYOKA RUSHES AHEAD AND...

POISONOUS SNAKES!



WHILE, BEHIND HER, LARRY IS AMBUSHED!

Y'ALLAH IL ALLAH! I HAVE THE INFIDEL!

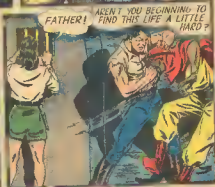


WRONG, MY FRIEND! THE INFIDEL HAS YOU!













THROWN FOR A LOSS! HOW ARE YOU DOING, NYOKA?



ANOTHER VICTORY HERE TOO!



WE'D BETTER CLEAR OUT, NYOKA. HERE COME MORE OF OUR LITTLE PLAYMATES!



KILL THOSE TWO! A GREAT TREASURE TO THE ONE WHO DESTROYS THEM!



OH GRACIOUS LADY-- ONCE AGAIN HAVE THOSE DOGS ELUDED US!



YOU MEAN-- AGAIN HAVE THEY SLIPPED THROUGH YOUR CLUMSY FINGERS! BLUNDER AGAIN AND YOU WILL PAY WITH YOUR HEADS!



BUT THIS IS WASTING TIME! ON TO DEVIL'S GORGE -- AND THE GOLDEN TABLETS!



DEVIL'S GORGE! DID YOU HEAR THAT?



WE'LL TRAIL 'EM THERE! AND IF I KNOW VULTURA HE'LL TAKE MY FATHER WITH HER!



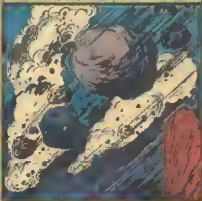
DEVIL'S GORGE -- A DREARY,
WILD PLACE, SEEMINGLY
FORGOTTEN BY HEAVEN....

HOW TERRIBLE
AND EMPTY I YET
IT CONTAINS
WEALTH BEYOND
OUR WILDEST
DREAMS!

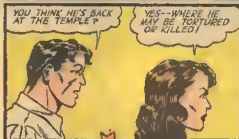
I SEE THEM
UP AHEAD, LARRY!

THOSE TWO DEMONS STILL DOG
MY FOOTSTEPS! I START AN
AVALANCHE, SATAN! IT WILL
CRUSH THEM!

A GREAT ROCK IS DISLODGED-- IT
CRASHES DOWN STARTING OTHERS--
A LANDSLIDE BEGINS!

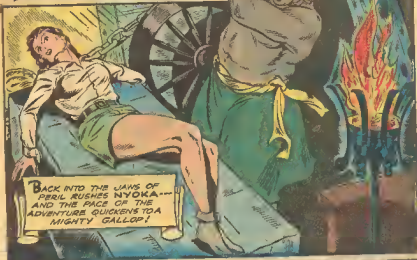






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Chapter IV
TREASURE OF TERROR!



BACK INTO THE JAWS OF PERIL RUSHES NYOKA— AND THE PACE OF THE ADVENTURE QUICKENS TO A MIGHTY GALLOP!

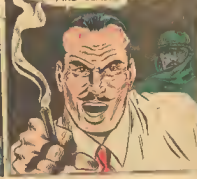
VULTURA IS SEARCHING FOR THE GOLDEN TABLETS BUT DELEGATES HER MENCHMAN TORRINI TO A HORRIBLE DUTY!

FOR YOUR DEFIANCE OF THE LADY VULTURA, YOU DIE BY TORTURE!

I DO NOT KNOW WHO YOU ARE, BUT I SEE THE HEART OF A DOG WITHIN YOU!



HE TAUNTS ME! MEN, TEACH HIM SUBMISSION WITH FIRE-COALS!





WHY DID YOU TRY TO SAVE ME, GIRL?

PLEASE TRY TO REMEMBER! I AM NYOKA-- YOU'RE MY FATHER.

AND LARRY ARRIVES AS NYOKA SPEAKS.



BUT I NEVER SAW YOU BEFORE! THIS MAY BE ANOTHER TRICK TO MAKE ME TELL WHERE THE TABLETS ARE HIDDEN.

FIRST WE'LL GET OUT-- SOMEHOW! LARRY WILL FIND US-- AND HELP!

ANOTHER INFIDEL!

ANOTHER HEADACHE FOR YOU, PAL-- WHEN YOU WAKE UP!

THE BRAZIER FULL OF BURNING COALS IS KNOCKED OVER---

-- AND THE ANCIENT WALLS AND FLOORS BURST INTO FLAME!



QUICK! SAVE
ALL MY
TREASURES!



WHILE CONFUSION REIGNS,
LARRY SMASHES INTO THE
PRISON ROOM!



LARRY! I
KNEW YOU'D
GET HERE!
I'LL HAVE
YOU BOTH OUT
OF HERE IN A
MINUTE!



QUICK! GET ON THAT
CAMEL BOTH OF YOU!



AND THE THREE START OFF
ACROSS THE DESERT.



NEXT DAY... AT THE HEAD
QUARTERS OF DR. CAMPBELL
THREE PERSONS COMING IN
FROM THE DESERT, AND
THAT LOOKS LIKE ---
IT IS LARRY GRAYSON!



I AGREE WITH YOU, LARRY. GORDON HAS HAD A HEAD INJURY-- HIS MEMORY IS SERIOUSLY AFFECTED. PERHAPS AN OPERATION---

YES, AN OPERATION COULD CURE HIM--BUT, IT WOULD BE DANGEROUS!



HE WILL FORGET THIS NEW SAVAGE LIFE --- BUT HE WILL ALSO FORGET WHERE THE TABLETS ARE HIDDEN!

THAT DOESN'T MATTER LARRY--YOU MUST OPERATE.



HE'S UNDER THE ETHER, LARRY.

GOOD. HAND ME THE SCALPEL!



A BRAIN OPERATION --- DELICATE -- DANGEROUS -- BUT I TRUST LARRY!



SOME HOURS LATER...

YOU CAN SEE YOUR FATHER NOW NYOKA!

OH, TAKE ME TO HIM!



NYOKA, MY DAUGHTER!

FATHER! YOU KNOW ME AGAIN!



HARRY GRAYSON HAS DONE A BRILLIANT PIECE OF SURGERY--HENRY GORDON RECOVERS RAPIDLY!

YOU'RE WELL NOW AND I DON'T CARE IF YOU EVER KNOW WHERE THOSE TABLETS ARE!

BUT I DO!



FOR... GORDON'S MEMORY IS PERFECT!

I PUT THEM IN THE SHRINE OF THE MOON GODDESS FOR SAFE KEEPING! BACK IN TUAREG VALLEY.

WE'LL LEAVE AS SOON AS YOU ARE ABLE



BUT VULTURA'S SPIES ARE EVERYWHERE!

THE SHRINE IS SELDOM VISITED! NOBODY BUT VULTURA! NOBODY WILL INTERFERE WITH US!

NOBODY BUT VULTURA!



THE FOLLOWING NIGHT.

AVOID THE CAVE-DWELLERS AND LET ME LEAD THE WAY!



ONCE MORE IN TUAREG VALLEY.

IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE YOU WERE ONCE CHIEF OF A TRIBE OF SAVAGE, CAVE-DWELLING ARABS HERE, FATHER!

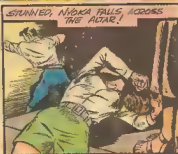
I'LL TELL YOU ABOUT IT SOME DAY.



THE SHRINE OF THE MOON-GODDESS.

INSIDE IS AN IMAGE OF THE GODDESS! PULL ON HER ARM, AND THE HIDING PLACE IS REVEALED!





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CHAPTER V

THE FINGER OF
FATE



INTO THE CAVE OF THE WIND
WHERE A NEW TERROR STRIKES OUT
FROM THE CORE OF THE EARTH!

THAT PENDULUM!
IT WILL CUT
HER IN
HALF



WITHOUT AN ATOM OF TIME TO SPARE ---
LARRY LEAPS--AND SNATCHES NYOKA
FROM DEATH!



AS
LARRY
CARRIES
NYOKA
FROM
THE
MULE
GORDON
SCRAMBLES
UP THE
IDOL
AND
THWISTS
IT'S
HEAD!

ANOTHER OF MY TRAPS—
THIS IDOL IS ALSO
A FLAME THROWER



THIS IS THE PLACE
WHERE I HID THE
GOLDEN TABLETS!



NYOKA YOU'RE ALL RIGHT AGAIN
GOOD! NOW TAKE THAT PASSAGE,
QUICK-- WHILE THE ENEMY IS
STILL DEMORALIZED



THEY'RE IN
THIS CHEST!
WHAT ---

IT'S
EMPTY!



THIS IS A TUAREG SYMBOL--
THE TABLETS HAVE BEEN
TAKEN BACK THERE. WE
MUST RETURN TO TUAREG
VALLEY



SO BACK IN TUAREG VAL-
LEY ONCE MORE, GORDON
SEEKS OUT HIS FORMER
LIEUTENANT....



YES!
TABLETS
NOW IN CAVE
OF WIND!

THANKS
CHABA WE'LL
GET THEM
AT ONCE!

MUST NOT!
TABLETS STAY
HERE IN TUAREG
VALLEY!

YOU FORGET
YOURSELF LHABA
I AM STILL
YOUR MASTER



DO YOUR WILL...
BUT LHABA
WARNS YOU...

THAT WILL DO!
WE GO!



THIS IS THE CAVE OF THE WIND!
OUT OF THIS CAVERN, NORMALLY
RUSHES A TREMENDOUS BLAST
OF AIR FROM DEEP IN THE EARTH...
BUT IT IS NOW BLOCKED OFF!

I HAVE HEARD OF
SUCH RELEASES OF
SUBTERRANEAN ENERGY.



FAR INSIDE THE CAVE...

THE TABLETS!
AT LAST WE
HAVE FOUND
THEM!



JUST
BEYOND
THE
HIDING
PLACE
OF THE
TABLETS
IS A
HUGE
STONE
THAT
HAS
BEEN
PLACED
TO
BLOCK
OFF
THE
PASSAGE
OF
THE
WIND.



WHILE UP ABOVE... WITH ONLY THE MOON AS
A WITNESS...

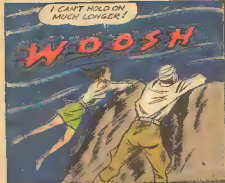
I WILL LET WIND
LOOSE--- KILL
THOSE WHO WOULD
TAKE SACRED
TABLETS!



MOBA WINDS UP THE WINDLASS AND THE MIGHTY AIR PRESSURE IN THE BLOCKED PASSAGE IS LOOSED!



I CAN'T HOLD ON MUCH LONGER!



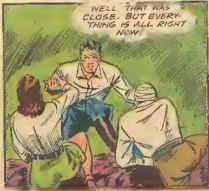
FIGHTING AGAINST THE TEARING BLAST LARRY PULLS HIMSELF TOWARD THE GREAT STONE!



HE APPLIES ALL HIS MIGHT TO MOVE THE GREAT ROCK BACK INTO PLACE. IT MOVES -- AN INCH -- A FOOT -- THEN --



WELL, THAT WAS CLOSE. BUT EVERYTHING IS ALL RIGHT NOW

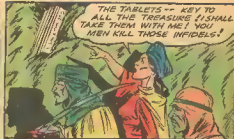


BUT
MEANWHILE...

THEIR TRACKS LEAD
HERE. THE TABLETS
MUST BE WITHIN!



THE TABLETS -- KEY TO
ALL THE TREASURE I SHALL
TAKE THEM WITH ME! YOU
MEN KILL THOSE INFIDELS!



DOG OF AN UNBELIEVER!
MEET THE FATE THAT
HAS BEEN WRITTEN
FOR YOU!

SORRY,
BUDDY--



-- I CAN'T
READ THAT
LANGUAGE!



ULK! LET
G-G-GO!

I'LL LET YOU
GO-- OVER THE
CLIFF-- UNLESS
YOU TELL ME
WHERE VULTURA
HAS GONE!



SHE HAS GONE
TO WADI BARTHA.

THE
FORBIDDEN
CITY



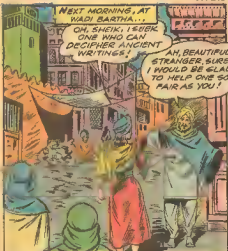
NEXT MORNING, AT WADI BARTHA...

OH, SHEIK, I SEEK ONE WHO CAN DECIPHER ANCIENT WRITINGS!

AH, BEAUTIFUL STRANGER, SURELY I WOULD BE GLAD TO HELP ONE SO FAIR AS YOU!

MASTER, HERE IS A BEGGAR WHO CLAIMS THE WISDOM OF THE ANCIENTS!

PERHAPS THIS RAGGED SCHOLAR CAN HELP YOU, BEAUTIFUL ONE!



IT IS THE SNEAKING UNBELIEVER!

HOWDY, VULTURA, YOU OLD SWEET THING!

SHOW HIM THE TABLETS, AHMED, AND SEE IF HE CAN READ THEM!

YES, MISTRESS, WAIT! HIS ARE NOT THE HANDS OF A BEGGAR! THEY ARE OF A FIGHTING MAN!



SHOWDOWN...

I FOLLOWED YOU AND YOUR CUT THROATS TO GET THESE TABLETS-- AND I'LL FIGHT ALL OF WADI BARTHA FOR THEM!

STOP HIM! STOP HIM!



THE FINAL, FURIOUS ROUND IN THIS BATTLE FOR UNTOLD WEALTH IS AT HAND!!

PERILS OF NYOKA

CHAPTER VI CLIMAX OF CONQUEST

VICTORY FOR ONE--
DEATH FOR THE LOSER
SO IT IS
WRITTEN



CURSED INFIDEL!
WILL HE NEVER
DIE?

NOT RIGHT
AWAY, LADY!

NYOKA AND HER FATHER HAVE
RALLIED THE MUSLIMS OF CAMPBELL'S
EXPEDITION!

CHARGE INTO
THE CITY---SAVE
LARRY!



YOU ARE ATTRACTED
THE UN-BELIEVERS
ARE ON US!





FLEE! THEY ARE TOO MUCH FOR US!

ONLY TWO TO ONE ODDS YOU HAVE IN YOUR FAVOR, CHUMS-- NOT ENOUGH!

TEAR HIM TO PIECES SATAN!

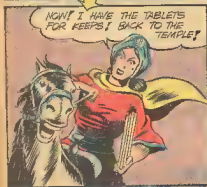


I DON'T LIKE TO MAKE A MONKEY OUT OF YOU, SATAN, OLD BOY--- BUT I DON'T FEEL LIKE WRESTLING!

AAARGH



VULTURA RUNS AWAY! I WILL FOLLOW HER!



NOW! I HAVE THE TABLETS FOR KEEPS! BACK TO THE TEMPLE!

ONCE MORE IN HER TEMPLE
THESE HEROGLOPHICS--
I'M BEGINNING TO
UNDERSTAND
THEM!



IT SAYS THE TREASURE
IS **HERE**— IN MY
OWN TEMPLE!



HERE AT THE TIME
UNDER IS FLOOR!
UNTOLD RICHES-- ALL
MINE! I CAN BUY
POWER TO OVERWHELM
THE WORLD!



BUT JUST OUTSIDE
VULTURA'S STRONGHOLD
I'LL CATCH UP WITH
VULTURA ONCE AND
FOR ALL!



BUT NYOKA IS ALSO FOL-
LOWED BY THE HIDEOUS
APE, SATAN-- HIS BRUTE
MIND STILL FAITHFUL TO
HIS EVIL MISTRESS!



SEEMS YOU'RE
LOOKING FOR
SOMETHING
VULTURA! LET
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THE THREE LEGIONNAIRES

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THREE KITTYHAWKS traced westward, through the hot air of the Sahara's Hoggar Plateau. They carried French wing markings, and on their fuselages were painted the Lorraine Cross of the Free French Forces. Their tail emblems were unusual; their colors were those of the French Foreign Legion.

The three pilots in the racing Kittyhawks were Legionnaires, the pride of General Oudinet's forces. The leader, flying the sleek fighter in the section Vee's apex, was an American, Lieutenant Timothy Dolan, with years of experience in the hard-fighting French Foreign Legion. When the Legion Ait Coror was formed at the start of the war, he was the first to get a transfer.

The others were Gregor Petrakovich, a tall, bearded Cosack who had fought with Kolchak and was exiled when Kolchak lost; and Jnan Almeria, formerly the ace of the Spanish Loyalists. Thrown together by the relentless course of the war, the Three Legionnaires had become inseparable companions.

Tim flipped open the radio mike switch and said, "Listen, pals, we'll be over the Tuareg oasis in a few minutes. Remember what we're here for. We can speak Tuareg dialect."

"The Tuaregs fight only for themselves," Juan remarked doubtfully.

"That's why we must show them they have a lot to lose by not joining us," Tim said. "You know it's a big job to invade Libya from the south and force the Axis to draw men from the

main front. We Legionnaires and Mekharis can do it, but if we get these Tuaregs to help us, we'll do more than raid northern Libya. We'll capture the southern Libyan oases and hold them. That's General Oudinet's plan."

Neither Jnan nor Gregor replied, and Tim shut off the mike. He watched the dazzling white sands, punctured by black shadows of sand dunes, unroll before his eyes. Then he saw the Tuareg oasis.

The level sandy plain beside the oasis was just large enough to let the Kittyhawks land in formation. Tim disembarked first, and stood by his machine, waiting for the Tuaregs to advance. Gregor and Jnan stayed in their fighters in case of an attack.

Presently a Tuareg squad came to them. The men were tall, with masked veils of bonnet cloth over their faces. Their eyelids were painted with a purple color, *kohl*. They were not effeminate, as the veils and painted eyelids seemed to indicate. They were the fiercest fighters of the Sahara, tougher than even the war-like Senussi. And as he surveyed them, Tim reflected that a squad of Tuaregs were worth more than a whole Camel Corps of roving Bedouins.

Tim spoke rapidly in clipped Tuareg dialect. The Tuareg responded, and Tim war surprised to hear that the Three Legionnaires had been expected. However he knew that news crossed the parched stretches of the desert in a mysterious manner, much older than radio, but efficient nevertheless. He signaled Gregor and Juan to leave their kites.

With a few armed men left behind to guard the Kittyhawks, the Tuaregs led the Three Legionnaires into the village of brilliantly colored tents. In the

center of the village was a large green and orange tent, embroidered by gold arabesque designs. It was the *ahlat*, the residence of the Tuareg queen. The Tuaregs, unlike the Arabs, were ruled by queens rather than by sheikhs and emirs.

When the Three Legionnaires were ushered into her presence, the queen rose to meet them. She took Tim's breath away. She was tall, perfectly proportioned. Her face had the strong rati-erque perfection of Tuareg women. She was Hagat, ruler of the Hoggar Tuaregs.

Queen Hagat bid her guests to sit in cushions not far from her throne. Then she said with a rich, musical voice, "Hear me, O Strangers, we know the purpose of thy presence. No, please don't interrupt. It is useless. We will not join thy General Oudinet, no matter how much we admire thy valiant leader."

Tim was surprised by the queen's direct refusal. Nevertheless he had been prepared for such an emergency, and he said: "O Noble Queen of the Tuaregs, hear what I have to say. This is not war. It is a desperate fight for survival. If the despicable enemy wins, what will you be? A slave to Axis drunkards! And thy people? They will be ruthlessly massacred as the Fascists massacred the Senussi!"

Queen Hagat shook her head with a smile. "Nay, the desperate enemy army cannot touch us. They may look and they may hunt for us, but they lack the wit to find us. We shall attack them our own way. Honorable strangers, this is our decision. We fight only for ourselves."

THE MEETING was thrown into a turmoil when a dust-stained Tuareg brushed past the queen and prostrated himself before the queen.

"Hear me, O' Queen. The cowardly enter of gnats, Mohammed Ali, is approaching this moment with a strong army. There are also men from beyond the far away blue sea."

Seizing initiative, Tim turned to the Queen. "We know these men from the far away sea. They are our enemy and yours. Let us take to air like hawks of war and help you."

The queen shook her head. "Nay, there never has been a time when Tuaregs asked help from strangers."

Then the unmistakable rumble of airplane engines pierced the air. The Three Legionnaires looked at each other and at Queen Hagar. All at once the assemblage ran to the tent flap, out of the ablat.

Six Italian Macchis they were, peeling off from a right step echelon formation. They dived on the Tuareg village with yammering guns that cut a swath through the hot air. Slugs nailed men and women as they ran through the tent streets. Then the Macchis roared, their powerful engines mocking the angered but seemingly helpless Tuaregs.

Tim turned to the queen. "The turn from beyond the blue seas, our enemies, have declared war on thy Tuaregs."

He patted Gregor and Juan on the back. In English he yelled, "Come on. We'll give these babies some opposition."

Gregor snorted, "Opposition? You're getting old, my American friend. When they see a Don Cossack, they turn tail like whipped curs."

"Then what are you waiting for?"

It was a wait of only a few minutes to warm the motors, but seemingly long, for the Macchis continued to strafe the Tuaregs mercilessly.

From a cluster of date figs came the vengeful bark of a hidden machine gun. The foremost diving Macchi trembled under the hail of lead. A tendril of smoke oozed from its engine cowl. It came out of its dive and stalled. Then it burst into a violent crash of fire.

Tim glanced at the burning Macchi as he took off. The Tuareg gunner was good. Odds were now five Macchis to the Three Legionnaires' Kittyhawks.

THE MACCHIS' diving attack on the three Kittyhawks had been a blunder. The Tuareg gunner had seen to that, and now the Italians were momentarily disorganized.

Tim seized his chance and led his Kittyhawks on a quick chandelle, skidding into Italian ranks. He centered the foremost Macchi in his ring sight and jabbed the solenoid switch on the top of his stick.

His Browning machine gun coughed and stuttered. He saw his tracer reach out for his Macchi and nail it in the air before the Fascist could break out of his trance. He slapped on more rudder, and saw holes walk along the Macchi's fuselage toward the cockpit. They clumped into the transparent cowling canopy, shattering the plexiglass. The Fascist pilot suddenly stiffened as cruel slugs tore into his chest. He swayed to and fro, blood fountaining out of the corners of his mouth and out of his nostrils. Then he slumped and the Macchi plummeted toward the desert.

Tim glanced around to see how the battle was progressing. The Three Legionnaires' sudden and unexpected attack had struck down three Macchis. The other two Fascists were turning tail to flee.

Tim slipped on the radio mike. "Gregor and Juan, take the crate on the right. I'll take care of the other bird."

"Aye, remember what the Fascists did to Guernica," Juan swore.

"And another Fascist for the Son of the Don!" Gregor roared.

The American Kittyhawk planes were too much for the slower and less armed Macchia. They found fiery graves in the hot sands of the Hoggar. Then the Three Legionnaires remounted and banked eastward.

To the combined surprise of Gregor and Juan, Tim did not

land in the Tuareg village. Instead, he wagged his wings and continued eastward, to General Oudinot's camp.

"I HOPE you are right," General Oudinot said doubtfully after Tim reported the events of the day. Even Gregor and Juan, who usually trusted Tim's judgment without question, had their doubts.

"Well, we've lots of time," Tim said. "Give the Tuaregs a chance to thrash Mohammed Ali. The bandit was counting on Italian air support and was walking boldly into Tuareg guns the last time we saw him." He yawned. "The Tuaregs will come. You'll see."

Time was right. Toward evening, General Oudinot's bivouac was thrown into an uproar when sentries saw a large camel corps of Tuaregs in battle array, approach. The Legionnaires and Mekharis ran to their guns and stood by attentively. But the Tuaregs did not lift a hand.

Then they filed into the camp and harrassed their camels alongside those of the Mekharis. The Tuaregs were joining General Oudinot's Fighting French force!

General Oudinot was in a daze when he called the Three Legionnaires.

"Ob, it's simple," Tim said.

"The Italian attack helped. The fact we fought them without asking Queen Hagar for permission turned the trick."

You see, if we asked, we'd have hurt her pride. By attacking the Italians as though we were the Tuaregs' allies, and by letting Queen Hagar's men thrash Mohammed Ali all by themselves, we prevented them from losing face."

Tim saw a pack of American cigarettes on General Oudinot's desk and helped himself. "The Italians' attack convinced Queen Hagar that I was right, but she did not want to admit it in my presence. The way to treat a woman is to give her a chance to make up her mind."

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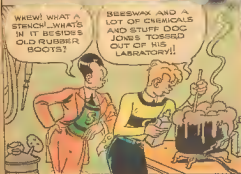
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 TO THIN
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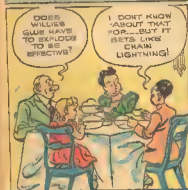


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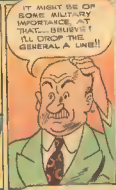
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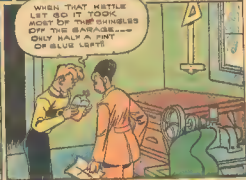
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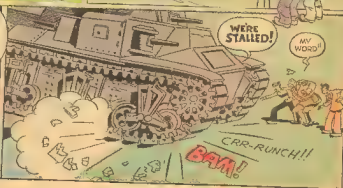
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SETS INSTANTLY!
WE MUST
LOOK INTO
THIS!



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WYNN—?—THEN
HERE'S A
COMMUNICATION
FROM GENERAL
HEADQUARTERS!



WHEN THAT KETTLE
LET GO IT TOOK
MOST OF THE SHINGLES
OFF THE GARAGE—
ONLY HALF A PINT
OF BLUE LEFT!



COP! THERE GOES THE BOTTLE!!



LOOKS LIKE A CAT IN THE FLY-PAPER! HOLD IT GENERAL!!

EGAD! I'M GLUED TO THE RUNWAY!! DO SOMETHING!!
HELP!!

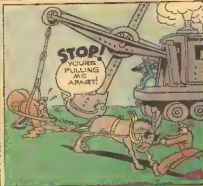


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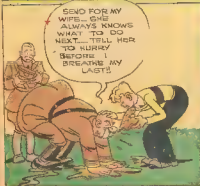
LET ME GIVE YOU AN ASPIRIN TABLET SIR!



STOP!
YOU'RE PULLING ME APART!



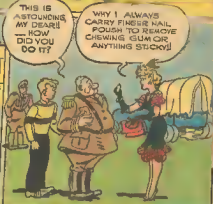
SEND FOR MY WIFE—SHE ALWAYS KNOWS WHAT TO DO NEXT—TELL HER TO HURRY BEFORE I BREAK MY LAST!



HE WANTS YOU TO COME AT ONCE MAAM!!

WAIT TILL I PHONE THE HAIR DRESSER I'LL BE TEN MINUTES LATE!!





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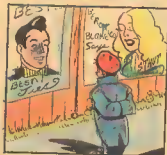


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